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File: UTU-70996  
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Date: 10/01/09  
To: Minerals File UTU-70996  
From: Ted McDougall, Geologist  
Subject: Surface Management Site Inspection, Randolph Mining, Dusty Mine, UTU-70996 (E/037/0063), Monument Canyon, San Juan County, Utah.

5/037/0063

Date of Inspection: 09/30/09  
Time of Inspection: 10:00 A.M.  
Participants: Ted McDougall  
Legal Description: T. 36 S., R. 25 E., Section 26  
Mining Claims Involved: Dusty 1-6 (Inactive)  
Claimant/Operator: Don Randolph

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining recently received notice from the operator that work to close the open portal was done. The adit is an old mine feature which pre-existed the Randolph Mining operation. Therefore, the operator was not responsible for total site reclamation but is required to seal or gate the portal to discourage public access into the mine. The purpose of the inspection was to check and verify that the closure work was complete.

Work has recently been done at the site to seal the portal. Earthen material consisting of large boulders and finer soil and waste rock material has been placed into the portal using a skid loader. The decline trench has not been entirely filled. It is difficult to determine how far into the mine that the fill material was placed, but a comparison of previous photographs of the portal indicate that backfill material extends approximately 5-10 feet out from the portal. The fill material should serve as an effective seal provided that surface water does not collect in the decline trench and cause the portal to be exposed through settling. The operator has constructed a small diversion berm above the portal to help alleviate this potential.

In a telephone conversation, the operator said that the small disturbance had been seeded but I did not observe seed on the ground. However, it was a windy day and it had been blowing for a couple of days (gusts up to 40 miles/hr) so seeds likely had been covered and/or moved. The site should be checked next spring to monitor re-vegetation and ensure that the portal has not opened up.



Above: Fill material sealing the portal. Below: Small diversion berm to direct water away from portal.



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